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UCF advances

UCF wins two of three over Marshall to make C-USA tourney — SEE SPORTS, A8



FAR FAR AWAY

Shrek the Third worth a watch, but lacks charm of its predecessors. — SEE VARIETY, A10



FOOD

COULD YOU SUPERSIZE MY DIME BAG?

A family in Chicago got a McShocker last week when the child's Happy Meal came complete with weed, pipe and a lighter. Apparently, the McDonald's employee put his stash in one of the boxes and forgot about it. What's that? Marijuana affects the memory?



NATURE

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR STEPHEN COLBERT

One of two eggs laid by a bald eagle in an Illinois zoo are missing. There were no egg shells in the nest, so officials think it was either a raccoon or a human. If it was the former, the egg has probably already been eaten. If it was the latter, you can expect an impassioned call to action from Comedy Central host Stephen Colbert of *The Colbert Report*, an ardent supporter of our national bird.



AROUND CAMPUS, A2

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR JOB FAIRS AND CAREER EXPOS

A workshop will be held Tuesday in the Ferrell Common's Career Resource Center Room 185-C from 11 a.m. to noon to lay out for students what employers are looking for at job fairs and to give other helpful tips.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

CRIST SIGNS LAW REQUIRING PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOL

Elementary school students must have a half-hour of physical education each day under a bill signed Thursday by Gov. Charlie Crist. The bill will take effect with the start of the new school year in August and can help prevent childhood obesity and other related health problems.

NATION & WORLD, A4

SUICIDE BOMB KILLS 14, WOUNDS 31 IN EAST AFGHANISTAN

A suicide bomber on foot detonated himself in a crowded market in the city of Gardez. Witnesses said a U.S. convoy appeared to be the target. Six people died at the scene of the blast. Another eight later died at a hospital.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

MOSTLY SUNNY
85° 66°
HIGH LOW

UCF student dies in tragic car crash

SGA senator still in the hospital

ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

The lives of three UCF students were changed forever May 8 when a violent car crash on Alafaya Trail left one student dead and sent two to the hospital.

Jesus Ortiz, a business major,

died in the crash.

Ortiz left Boardwalk Apartments driving a 1999 Honda Accord. His girlfriend Sarah Rogers, a Student Government Association senator and president of the Society of Women Engineers, was in the passenger seat.

Seth Merle was heading



Ortiz

north on Alafaya Trail in a 2007 Mazda. Ortiz turned right onto Alafaya Trail to go north and pulled in front of Merle's Mazda.

Merle swerved to try and avoid the impact but hit the driver's side. The violent impact of metal



Rogers

and glass crushed the driver's side of the Accord nearly into the passenger seat and sent both vehicles spinning into the southbound lanes.

When Florida Highway Patrol officers arrived, Ortiz was already dead. His girlfriend,

Rogers, was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center in coma. She's now listed in stable condition and has made progress toward recovery.

"[Ortiz] was probably one of the best people I ever knew," said friend Stephanie Kostaki in an e-mail. "I never saw him without a smile on his face. He had a kind heart, a good head on

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Reaching the top



PHOTOS BY AMANDA MOORE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Trai Daniel uses all her strength while rock climbing in Boone, N.C. on the fifth day of the trip. The group took turns supporting each other during this dangerous but fun part of their journey.

THE ADVENTURE ENDS

Group looks back on their time together

As the campfire burned down on the last day of the road trip, the Future's Amanda Moore reflected with the group of 12 who accompanied her on the trip.

This is the last article in the road trip series. To see the entire series, go to <http://www.centralfloridafuture.com> and search for Amanda Moore.

AMANDA MOORE
Staff Writer

Though I'm supposed to be the objective journalist, I can't help but feel like I've just said goodbye to some of my best friends. That's not to say that while camping I didn't miss air conditioning or a warm, dry bed.

I had some very valuable experiences on the trip, from gaining an appreciation for



Group members jump into the churning Chattooga River waters. The group conquered a class-four rapid while white water rafting on May 7.

country music to, most importantly, pushing my own boundaries whenever the chance arose. As Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "What does not destroy me, only makes me

stronger."

Each person on this trip pushed themselves beyond what comes easily. Celena Daniels put aside her claustrophobia to dive 200 feet below

the surface in a cave. Roberta Nogueira scaled a wall of rock only through perseverance. Kelly Blaikie lost her helmet

PLEASE SEE CHALLENGE ON A6

Residents agree on bridge plans

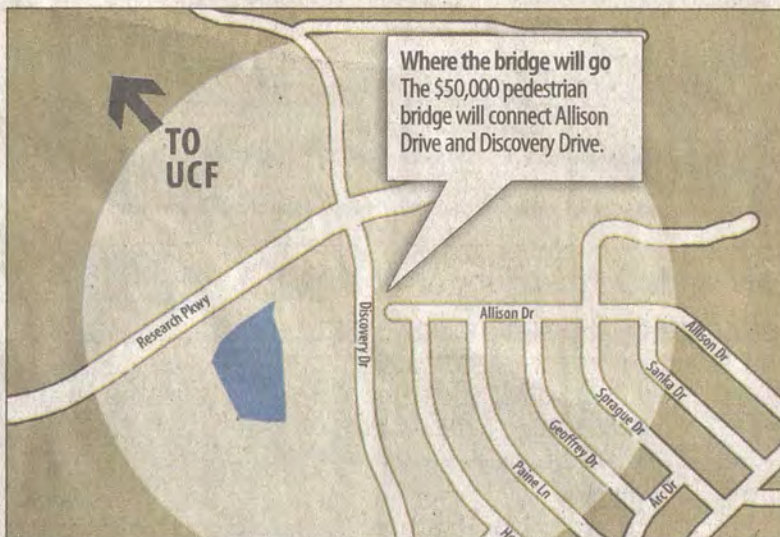
DONALD THOMANN
Contributing Writer

Residents in the Bonneville area could soon be getting a \$50,000 pedestrian bridge to connect their community with UCF's Research Park.

Jon Zimmerman, a senior digital media major, leaves his house in Bonneville every morning at 8:45 to work at the Physical Plant Complex at UCF.

He walks north on Hertha Avenue and makes a left into a cul-de-sac on Allison Drive.

PLEASE SEE BONNEVILLE ON A6



Video of potential suspect released

DONALD THOMANN
Contributing Writer

Two days after Jennifer Kesse's disappearance on Jan. 24, 2006, Orlando police obtained video of a potential suspect. On Thursday, 16 months after the investigation started, police released the video to the public for the first time.

"It was being held as an investigative tool," said Orlando Police Department Public



Kesse

dried up, we decided to release it."

The release comes after

PLEASE SEE VIDEO ON A

Information Officer Sgt. Barbara Jones said, "Since we haven't gotten any information on identifying that person, and our leads have dried up, we decided to release it."

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

aring for career fairs

A workshop will be held sday to help students get pared for career fairs and expos.

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ht Cruisers weekly meeting

JCF's Knight Cruisers car o will be meeting Wednes- at the top level of the North ing Garage.

The meeting will start at 10 . and go on until 11:30 p.m. rested students should look the rules of conduct at t://www.ucfcarclub.com re attending.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

signs law requiring physical cation in elementary schools

DAVIE — Elementary ool students must have at it a half-hour of physical cation each day under a bill ed Thursday by health-con- us Gov. Charlie Crist.

Crist and state lawmakers the requirement, which es effect with the new school r in August, can help pret childhood obesity and ted health problems. A state k force found in 2003 that ions of school children re at risk for juvenile diase and other ailments ause of poor exercise and rition habits.

Crist said students will bene- academically by being in bet- health, and the former high ool quarterback recalled t his own grades improved ing football season.

"Having a good quality of life ood cross-section of edu- ion that addresses the mind, ody and the soul is very ortant. With the PE bill, we to that," Crist said.

PLEASE SEE **LOCAL** ON A4

CORRECTIONS

In the May 14 article "Low in costs in Fla. may rease by 5 percent," the total out of financial aid money arded per academic year was orted wrong.

The sentence should have d "in the 1995-1996 school r, more than \$684 million in ancial aid money was being arded to Florida students."

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THE PLAY'S THE THING



Courtney Moors, 20, and acting partner Michael Cox are awarded for their performance at the 39th-annual Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Washington D.C. in April.

TAKING CENTER STAGE

UCF student awarded for talent

JENN KEPLER
Staff Writer

When she was a young girl, Courtney Moors saw a produc- tion of *West Side Story*. It was the first major play she ever saw, and it was at that moment, while watching the actors performing on stage, that Moors thought to herself, "Who wouldn't want to do this?"

"I thought it was the coolest thing that it was these people's job to get up on stage and make believe and have fun. From that moment on, I knew that if I could do it, that's what I'd want to do with the rest of my life," Moors said.

Now, at the age of 20, and pursuing a bachelor's of fine arts in acting from UCF, Moors is fulfilling her dream.

Moors started performing in plays when she was in middle school. "I've been taking acting classes and doing shows for almost all my life," she said.

During high school, she was part of a theater company through her school and performed in up to seven shows a year. "All the shows were mem- orable because we were such a family," Moors said.

Moors also enjoys becom- ing close friends and sharing fun moments with cast mem- bers at UCF. Through the UCF Conservatory Theatre, Moors has performed in three main- stage plays: *Five Women Wear- ing the Same Dress*, *Noises Off*, and *The Marriage of Figaro*.

Every play performed by the UCF Conservatory Theatre is watched by a judicator who nominates actors to go on to

the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, a national theater program in which theater departments and student artists from more than 6,000 colleges and universities showcase their work. Accord- ing to the KCACTF Web site, more than 18,000 students partici- pate in the festival.

Once nominated for the KCACTF, the student must choose an acting partner, a coach and material to perform.

Moors was nominated for her performance in *Noises Off*, a British play by Michael Frayn. Moors chose Michael Cox, a fellow classmate, as her acting partner. They competed at the KCACTF Region IV competi- tion in Georgia in February and were selected to compete in the national festival held in Washington D.C. in April.

Mark Brotherton, an associ- ate theater professor at UCF, coached Moors and her part- ner. Brotherton has been teach- ing at UCF for 12 years and directed the UCF Conserva- tory Theatre's production of *Noises Off*.

"I had him before for a class, so I knew I really wanted to work with him. I owe a lot of my success to him," Moors said.

Brotherton helped Moors and Cox pick their material, and he met with them for several hours a week to prepare them for the competition.

Moors and Cox performed two six-minute scenes and a monologue. They decided on material that would show vari- ety in their acting skills.

The first scene they per-



Courtney Moors is the second UCF student to receive the Irene Ryan Acting Award.

formed was from *University*, a play about college students and the issues they deal with.

Their second scene was more comedic, coming from *Only You*, a play about couples and the funny things that hap- pen on dates.

For her monologue, Moors portrayed a gambling addict from the play *In Place*.

"They were three very dif- ferent characters and genres, and that sort of aided us in the competition," Moors said.

Their flexibility and talent took them to the top. Moors and Cox were one of two win- ning pairs at the 39th annual KCACTF, and Moors was awarded the Irene Ryan Acting Award. The award, which offers a \$3,000 scholarship at the national level, is named after Irene Ryan, best remem- bered for her part in the TV show *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

Moors is the second student from the UCF Conservatory Theatre to win the Irene Ryan Award. Michael Swickard was awarded the scholarship last year.

The scholarship made pay- ing for classes easier this year, but Moors said acting is still a challenge.

"It's not easy, and it takes a lot of time and hard work, but it's very worth it," Moors said.

When things get tough, Moors looks to her mother for support. "She's never missed any of my shows no matter how far she had to travel. She's my biggest inspiration and influence," Moors said.

"It's good to have a friend or parent who keeps you on the right track. There are days when I wanted to give up, and I've had people remind me that I can do this."

Moors wants to continue acting in theater and possibly explore other venues such as film, TV and voice-over work. She is also interested in writing and teaching. "There's lots of other things I've thought about just because acting doesn't always pay," Moors said.

Moors is unsure if she will stay in Florida after graduation. After growing up in Ontario, Canada and going to high school in Tampa, there are still many places Moors said she would love to go to. "I might have to go and try the New York thing. I'd also like to go to Toronto and audition around there," she said.

Brotherton went to Wash- ington D.C. with Moors and Cox, and he doesn't doubt Moors will be successful.

"Courtney is one of the best students we'll have. She's com- mitted, disciplined and just a joy to work with. Everyone wants to work with Courtney any time they can. I was just incredibly lucky," Brotherton said.

LOCAL WEATHER



Today
MOSTLY SUNNY
High: 85° Low: 66°

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Mostly sunny. Calm wind coming east between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with east northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Tuesday
WINDY
High: 86° Low: 68°



Wednesday
CHANCE T-STORMS
High: 84° Low: 67°

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Spanish government 'suspicious' of Florida company's treasure find
TAMPA — The Spanish government is investigating if a time was committed by a U.S. company that said it had found 100 million worth of coins in an Atlantic Ocean shipwreck, according to Sunday news reports.

Odyssey Marine Exploration, based in Tampa, revealed on Friday they had found hundreds of thousands of colonial-era silver and gold coins in the wreck, but didn't release details about the ship or the wreck site, citing security concerns.

The Culture Ministry said it found it "suspicious" that the company didn't release those details, the national news agency Efe reported.

Odyssey did say that the site was beyond the territorial waters of any country.

Earlier this year, Odyssey won permission from the Spanish government to resume a suspended search for the wreck of the HMS *Sussex*, which was sunk in a storm off Gibraltar.

The Spanish Culture Ministry said those permissions to the U.S. treasure-hunting firm were only for exploration and not for extraction, Efe said.

Odyssey had already begun exploration work off southern Spain for the British vessel but suspended it in 2005 after complaints from Spain.

The recovery is being attempted under a deal with the British government.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Dept. of Education officer resigns early over student loan scandal

WASHINGTON — The head of the Department of Education's student loan office is stepping down amid growing criticism that the agency has been lax in overseeing the student loan industry.

Theresa Shaw is leaving her post as chief operating officer of the Federal Student Aid Office, which she has held since 2002, the department said in a statement. The office administers federal student aid programs.

The statement said Shaw, former Education Secretary Margaret Spellings in February that she planned to leave the department on June 1.

Shaw previously worked at student loan giant Sallie Mae. Critics in Congress and student advocates have complained that the department has too many people with ties to the student loan industry in charge of overseeing that industry.

Shaw headed the office where student loan official Matteo Fontana worked until it was disclosed that he had at least \$100,000 in stock in a student loan company, an apparent conflict of interest. Like Shaw, Fontana previously worked at Sallie Mae.

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo has been leading an investigation into the \$85 billion student loan industry.

Private Utah colleges form alliance to improve educational programs

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Always rivals in the sports arena, Southern Utah University and Dixie State College are forming a new partnership to enhance education opportunities in southern Utah.

Presidents from both schools sent a letter detailing their plans to Utah's System of Higher Education Commissioner Richard Kendall this week.

The plan includes identifying academic programs in demand across Washington County that SUU can provide and securing a St. George location for classes.

Among the areas of study already identified are teacher education, math, history, art, chemistry, family and consumer science and several foreign languages.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed



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Wounded Afghan men lie in beds at a hospital after a suicide attack at a market in Gardez, the provincial capital of Paktia province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday.

Suicide bomb kills 14 in eastern Afghanistan after convoy rolls by

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber on foot detonated himself in a crowded market in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday just after a U.S. convoy drove by, killing at least 14 people and wounding 31, officials and witnesses said.

The attack in the city of Gardez damaged around 30 shops, shattered windows and destroyed the stores closest to the explosion.

Witnesses said a U.S. convoy appeared to be the target, and Maj. William Mitchell, a spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force, said there were initial reports of injuries to ISAF soldiers, though he didn't have further details.

Six people died at the scene of the blast, police said. Another eight later died at a hospital, said Ghulam Hazrat Majedi, the doctor in charge of the Gardez hospital. He said two of the 31 people injured were in a critical condition.

Afghan soldiers donated blood for the wounded.

Violence in Afghanistan has increased sharply in the last several weeks. More than 1,600 people, have been killed in insurgency-related violence this year, according to an AP count based on U.S., NATO and Afghan officials. The dead have mostly been militants, but about 300 civilians have also died in the violence.

In Ghazni province, 30 Taliban fighters were killed during a battle with ISAF and Afghan forces on Saturday, said Mohammad Qazam Allayyar, the deputy provincial governor. He said 18 Taliban were injured and 11 arrested.

A statement from NATO's ISAF said that during the last several days Afghan and ISAF operations "have resulted in the removal of over 100 enemy fighters." The ISAF press office said it wasn't immediately clear what the word "removal" meant.

The statement said local Afghans are increasing their cooperation with military and government units.

Hamas gunmen leaving rooftop positions in compliance with truce

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Gunmen armed with rifles, grenades and explosives climbed down from rooftop positions Saturday and residents began venturing out of bullet-scarred homes after their leaders agreed to end a week of Palestinian factional bloodshed in Gaza.

The truce began to take hold as Israel launched a fifth day of airstrikes on Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip in reprisal for the Islamic militant group's rocket attacks on Israeli border towns. Other recent cease-fires between the factions have been short-lived but Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said he expected this one to stick because of Israel's military action.

"No one would accept to fight one another while the Israelis are shelling Gaza," he said.

The clashes between Hamas and Fatah gunmen loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas have killed more than 50 Palestinians in a week of infighting.

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Australian al-Qaida supporter repatriated from Guantanamo

ADELAIDE, Australia — Convicted al-Qaida supporter David Hicks landed in his hometown in a private jet Sunday after more than five years in the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Hicks — the first terrorist suspect convicted by a U.S. military commission in Cuba — was transferred to a South Australia state prison to serve the final seven months of his sentence for aiding al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

"Mr. Hicks is now in the custody of the South Australian correctional services," Attorney General Philip Ruddock said in a brief statement confirming Hicks' return to Australia.

Hicks, 31, a one-time cowboy and kangaroo skinner, made the flight from Guantanamo Bay in a government-chartered Gulfstream G550 jet with an entourage of Australian police, prison officers and his Australian lawyer.

His flight was diverted through Mexico because the United States had refused Hicks entry to American airspace, local media reported.

Roadside bomb kills six Sunday, bringing total U.S. dead to 3,420

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb that exploded in the western section of Baghdad killed six U.S. soldiers and one interpreter, the U.S. military said Sunday. The soldiers killed in the attack Saturday were from the Multinational Division-Baghdad, the military statement said.

As of Saturday, May 19, 2007, at least 3,414 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,773 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is 19 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

Immigration deal compromise ends a tough week to be Bush

WASHINGTON — President Bush's desk kept piling higher with bad news.

There were personnel problems that went from bad to worse, uncertainty in an Iraq war showdown with congressional Democrats, the impending departure of his favorite foreign ally.

But the past week did bring one very good piece of news: Talks on an immigration overhaul produced a deal between the Bush administration and a bipartisan group of senators. The agreement fed hopes the president might achieve a long-sought goal and see his second term produce a significant domestic accomplishment.

An elated White House threw everything it had at Thursday's immigration breakthrough.

The White House immediately issued a statement about the compromise.

"It's a port in the storm and an oasis in the dust," Rutgers political science professor Ross Baker said about the immigration deal.

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Protest hassles Dyer fundraiser

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sion meeting on the matter. "Tonight has been a little bit disruptive with the banging on the window and making noise," Harris said.

Still, the group's chant, "Food is a right not a privilege" and "Baker Act Buddy," couldn't be heard from inside the bookstore when the front door was shut. Inside the bookstore, looking out, protesters could be seen making angry faces, but not heard.

Occasionally, when the store manager let someone in, they would be followed by a burst of shouting.

Inside, Dyer and the Democratic Party of Orlando gathered to speak about re-election aims and the party's agenda — briefly including the homeless — as the guests, armed with Corona bottles with lime, were serenaded by members of the SAC Comedy Club singing the "Re-election Blues."

OFNB should be grateful, said Dale Revels, a resident of Thornton Park and owner of an insurance agency in Kissimmee.

"If we had a Republican mayor, there'd be riot cops on horseback with batons beating them to death. This is a progressive city with a progressive mayor that lets people protest. It's not like L.A.," Revels said, holding a Corona. "[Dyer] can't fix all the problems ... We're for helping others get on their own two feet."

Six police cars, a bike patrol officer and a paddy wagon were on either side of the block on Summerlin Avenue and Eola Drive, where the two streets intersect Central Boulevard. The usual pedestrian traffic was forced to go around the protest.

"There was an armed robbery at the Chevron on Orange Avenue. There was a murder at a 7-11 and a rape in Wadeview Park, all this month," said Jim Callahan, 48, of South Street. "Why are all the cops here?"

"I support the mayor, but not all the mayor's policies, and this is one of those policies," Callahan said.

The homeless population in Florida is on the rise, according to the *Annual Report on Homelessness Conditions in Florida*.

According to 2006 "data reported by 29 local homeless coalitions, 85,907 persons were homeless on any given day in 2006." In 2005, 83,391 were homeless in Florida. The report attributes the rise of homeless to the displacement of people due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita from the previous year.

The homeless population in Orange County is 6,500, according to the state of *Florida Annu-*



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Top: Orlando Food Not Bombs members hold a sign last Wednesday at Lake Eola, where the weekly feeding of the homeless went without incident. Above: Police on Summerlin Avenue and Eola Drive watch as protesters shout and hold signs in front of a bookstore where Mayor Buddy Dyer held a campaign fundraiser last Wednesday.

al Report from the Office on Homelessness, which is part of the Department of Children and Families.

HUE restaurant manager Heidi Skehan, 32, looked on with five servers to see what all the commotion was about. "I think it's great. I feel they are helping people. Regardless of where it [the feedings] is, who cares," Skehan said.

Server Louis Beador, 46, disagreed. "I think there is a place and time to do it [the feedings], and not in a park like Lake Eola."

Tim McKinney, 37, a customer at Shari remarked, "They're not making an impact with their style of protest. I don't think it's doing anything to help their cause."

Wednesday's feeding occurred without incident.

Matt Houston, a 22-year-old psychology major, was cited last week with a trespass warning, and isn't allowed inside the park for a year.

Houston stood at the barrier of Thornton Park with a sign that read, "I went to Lake Eola park to share food with the homeless, and all I got was this

lousy trespass warning."

Five groups, Students for a Democratic Society, Orlando Progressive Alliance, Young Communist League, OFNB and Orlando CodePINK set up four tables to feed the homeless, giving them the numbers necessary to feed up to 100 homeless.

The park supervisors weaved in and out of the cluttered table arrangement as the homeless and present groups abandoned the single-file line approach.

Four police officers stood in the cul-de-sac of Osceola, occasionally glancing over at the commotion in the park and keeping an eye on Houston who had to walk around the park to meet the protesters.

"They're going far beyond their right to enforce the ordinance," said Dante Terminello, senior international business and economics major and organizational chair of Orlando Progressive Alliance. "Every week, we try to go by the rules as they change their interpretation and don't change the wording of the law. They should just let us feed people."

Video doesn't give many clues

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months of debate between detectives and the Kesse family.

"One part of the police [force] didn't want to give it up," Jennifer's father, Drew Kesse, said. "They said it would be bad for the case. But the case is no longer important. Finding Jennifer is what's important."

The grainy video captured by security cameras at a south Orlando condominium shows an unknown person backing Jennifer's car into a parking space near the pool. The suspect then walks out of view. Twenty seconds later a second video camera records the suspect walking away on a sidewalk outside the parking lot.

The distance between the suspect and the camera has made identification impossible for police. In the second shot, the view of the suspect's face is obstructed by a fence post.

Police estimate that the suspect is between 5 feet 3

inches to 5 feet 5 inches tall. They don't have a name and can't even tell if it's a man or a woman.

"The video doesn't have much visual value," Jones said. "But what it does do is show that somebody was driving Jennifer's car the day she disappeared."

Jennifer returned from a vacation in St. Croix the day prior to her disappearance. The last person she talked to was her boyfriend at 10 p.m.

Jennifer was reported missing the following morning when she failed to show up for work at Westgate Resorts and Central Florida Investments. According to Jennifer's father, Jennifer usually left for work around 7 a.m. or 8 a.m.

The video shows the suspect parking Jennifer's car at noon.

Drew said he hopes to have the video up on Jennifer's Web site, <http://www.Jennifer-Kesse.com>, as soon as possible.

The OPD and the Kesse family urge anyone with infor-

mation regarding the investigation to call the Family Tip Line at 407-722-2162.

Central Florida Investments is offering a \$1 million reward for Jennifer's safe return. The reward is one of many that the community has offered to help return Jennifer safely to her family.

"It would take me probably two days to tell you how the community has helped out," Drew said. "Jennifer's case is really unique. Maybe only 50 people in the country have just vanished. When something like this happens, you need to have support from the media, police, family and friends. The people who are working the case are working 24 hours for Jennifer."

He also extended a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who has helped out and to everyone who continues to help.

"Not just thank you, but we are all just so humbled at the generous outpouring of support for Jennifer and her family," Drew said.

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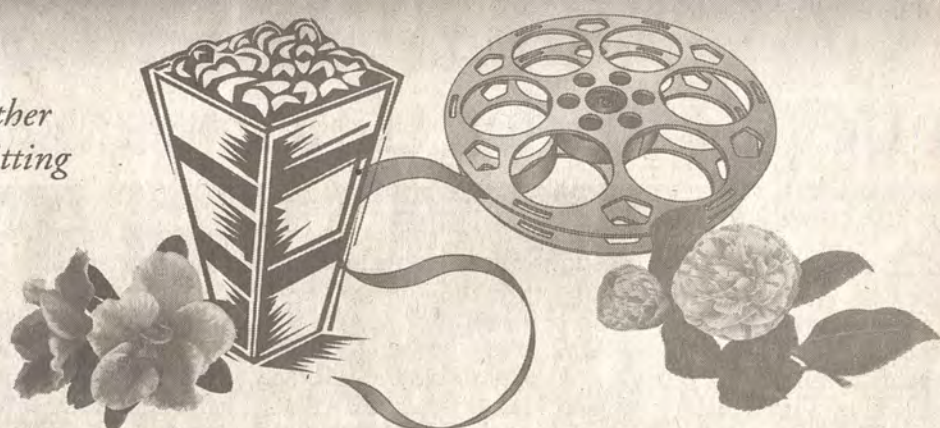
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derwater while rafting a ss-four rapid and lived to tell tale. I feel the biggest push of all me from Trai Daniel on the 10th day of our road trip. Daniel learned to swim only last semester at the Rec. and Wellness Center and had only been in the water once before our departure. Still, she conquered her fear. With some coaxing from us and a whole lot of courage on her part, she leapt from a rock into the churning Chattooga River. Did it scare the hell out of her? Yes. Will she do something like that again? She doubts it. But, will she remember it for the rest of her life? You betcha. For me, the chance to rub in my dad's face that I went mountain biking in real mountains was icing on the cake. He rides a hobby in Tampa, but I say mountain biking without the mountains is simply that — biking. My parents divorced three years ago, and between living with my mom and living on

campus at UCF, I've rarely spoken with my dad since the divorce. Hopefully, biking some trails with him this summer will help me get to know my own father again. Now, six articles and more than 6,500 words later, it's time to share the spotlight with the people I've come to know and respect over the past week. On May 10, during our final campfire together, this is what they had to say about the road trip experience:

Dave Sindler
"I've been able to be myself, for better or worse. The fresh air has enabled me to clear my head, and I appreciate my new friendships."

Hailey Winslow
"Everyone has something to offer, and it made the experience unique. I wouldn't go with any other group of people."

Taylor Howell
"I loved getting to know each person's different values, personalities, and enjoying the colliding humors and ideas. It made the trip that much more fun."



Physical and mental boundaries were tested as the group crawled through a chilly cave at Raccoon Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn. on May 4. COURTESY AMANDA MOORE

Trai Daniel
"On this trip, I did four different things I've never tried before. I had a great time."

Kelly Blaikie
"Playing games and goof-

ing off were really a lot of fun."

Emily Krausmann
"We pushed ourselves and went at each activity full force. Full force to the end."

Elizabeth Ounan
"I loved the mountain biking most. Yes, it was hard cycling 2 miles uphill, but the 4-mile trip back down made it all worth it. I'm not too sure I should have jumped in the river though..."

Nathan Renstrom
"Everyone gave it a shot, even if they didn't think they could. I respect you guys [the campers] for doing that."

John Tatum
"I was impressed with the mobility of the group. Not only were we doing all of these crazy things, we were also setting up and taking down camp every single day."

Celena Daniels
"Seeing different pieces of people come out is always a fun part of the trip. Part of me feels like we just started, and part of me feels like we've been going two weeks."

Roberta Nogueira
"One thing that keeps me interested in this program for the past two years is seeing the progression of relationships. I think this program offers that while so many others don't."

Megan Stark
"Hard to find girls to go camping with. All my friends just want to hang out at the beach."

Bonneville bridge concerns voiced at meeting

the road ends less than 500 feet from Discovery Drive, where a canal separates the two streets. Zimmerman walks across the canal on a 1 by 6 inch piece of plywood supported by a section of chain-link fence, then up a crude set of steps that have been carved into the adjacent bank. He emerges near the intersection of Discovery Drive and Research Parkway through a hole in the fence. From there it takes him no more than 10 minutes to walk to work. Jon Zimmerman is just one of the residents who uses this shortcut on a daily basis. If it weren't for their shortcut, Bonneville residents who talk to school would have to take Colonial Drive to Alafaya Trail — a 5 mile trip. "I've been living in Bonneville for two years," Zimmerman said. "There's a little dirt bridge back there on Allison, but it's basically just a pile of garbage. It's unsightly, full of trash, and it's not good for the community." The residents of Bonneville have battled with the county for years to try to keep their easy and easy route to school accessible, while also keeping it clean, Zimmerman said. "We built a lot of decent makeshift bridges, but the county kept ripping them up," he said. "Finally we asked the commissioner to do something about it, and Commissioner Bill Segal was all for it." The commissioner is willing to spend \$50,000 to build a bridge connecting Allison Drive and Discovery Drive, Project manager Frank Yokiel said. "What we're talking about is an aluminum bridge with o-by-fours on the floor," he said. "We're looking at about 60 to 90 days of work.



Top: Bonneville residents use the makeshift bridge connecting Allison Drive and Discovery Drive. Above: Orange County District 5 Commissioner Bill Segal hosts a neighborhood meeting to discuss the construction of the pedestrian bridge.

We're probably looking at starting in September, sometime in early fall and finishing by November." At a meeting with the commissioner on Tuesday, more than 65 Bonneville residents came out to Fire Station 80 to give their support. "We canvassed the whole neighborhood to, rally support, and the turnout has been phenomenal," Zimmerman said at the meeting. "I've been involved in local politics

before, and I've never seen such a positive reaction in a community." Zimmerman stood at a charcoal grill basting chicken breasts and talking with other residents, many of who came with food of their own. They placed key lime pies, pasta, salad and soda on a line of tables at the back of the garage while everyone took their seats. "There are two sides to every issue," Segal said, opening the discussion. "And it's

important to hear the good and the bad. "A few folks approached me about this bridge to connect Bonneville and Discovery without having to go out to Colonial. With our agreement with Research Park, all we're allowed to do is install a bridge for bikes and pedestrians. I want to know how people feel about this." "I think they need to put a bridge out there," Bonneville resident Ray Thompson said. "Allison Drive is really just a hop, skip and jump from Alafaya, and it would be a lot safer for these kids than riding all the way out here to Colonial." But what's to keep just anybody from walking into the neighborhood and robbing a house or vandalizing property, resident Katherine Isaacson said. "And I'm wondering if this isn't going to eventually turn into a road for cars," Isaacson said. "Putting a road there would be the biggest traffic nightmare we have ever known," Zimmerman said. "We have kids that play out there, and pedestrians, and it would just be a disaster." With or without a paved road, there is still the fear that kids on dirt bikes will start abusing the bridge, Bonneville resident Vera Marshall said. "We have a whole generation of kids that fly up and down the road on their dirt bikes," she said. "If we make the bridge any wider than a pedestrian can get across, they're going to be taking their dirt bikes on it." In spite of their concerns, when Segal said, "How many of you all would like to see the bridge go up?" all hands went up. "Good," Segal said. "That's what I need to know. That makes my job easier."

Fundraiser planned

FROM A1
his shoulders, and could brighten up anyone's day. "I went to the viewing. Normally when you go they say the person should look 'at peace,' but he didn't," Kostakis continued in the e-mail. "He looked uncomfortable. It wasn't his time." Merle was taken to OMC as well, and has since been released. FHP Trooper Kim Miller said that charges are pending in the accident. Alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash. However, neither Rogers nor Ortiz were wearing seatbelts. Ortiz's viewing and burial were held on May 7 and 8. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. His best friend, Valencia student Robbie Swiebel, described him as someone who "enjoyed everything. [He liked] to eat, [go to] the beach, the finer things in life, but mostly just being with his friends." Swiebel said in an e-mail that he and Ortiz met 10 years ago and have been best friends since. In a blog he posted on his MySpace, he described the difficulties he had in sharing the news with their group of friends. "Today I had to make the hardest phone calls I have ever had to make. I had to call all our friends and let them know what happened. Nothing is harder than that. The amount of times I have heard dead silence over the phone or people bursting into tears, there are just no words I can say to any of them to help. Everyone is in disbelief. "Having to hold myself together for all the phone calls was hard. It finally hit me tonight on my last drive home from seeing everyone," Swiebel wrote. Rogers, an electrical engi-

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neering major, is a student senator for the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences. She is also a sister in the Chi Omega sorority. Rogers' friends in the Senate have been wishing her well. "She's such a great person," junior marketing major Andrick Lewis said. Last Thursday night at the Senate meeting, senators signed a get-well card to send to Rogers. Senior civil engineering major Ricky Ly sits next to Rogers at the Senate meetings. "I hope and pray that she gets better soon," Ly said. "It's very tragic." Rogers is a disc jockey in her free time, according to friends, a passion of hers. Fellow DJ Mark Horne, 37, is organizing a fundraiser in her honor to be held June 2. "Sarah's a good girl," Horne said. "I know how hard she worked. Because she was a DJ, we take care of our own. It's just like any clique or group." The fundraiser will be held at Captain J's restaurant in Cocoa Beach and will be hosted by (321) Entertainment and Fragile Recording. Horne says no cover will be charged, but donations will be accepted and will go directly to Rogers' family. To keep everyone updated on Rogers' progress, her father is maintaining a MySpace blog. Not only are well-wishers leaving notes on that page, but on Rogers' and Ortiz's MySpace and Facebook profiles as well.

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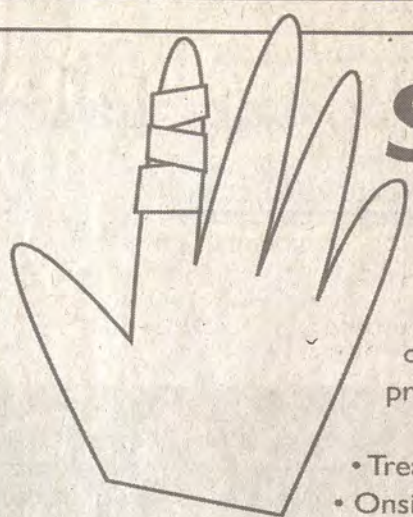
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The amazing Vazquez

Sophomore Kiko Vazquez led all of C-USA with a 1.064 OPS (on-base plus slugging), including an awesome .471 on-base percentage.

Fantastic finish

After a slow start, freshman Chris Duffy finished the season on a tear, hitting home runs in four of UCF's last seven games.

Pitcher imperfect

UCF pitchers combined for a 5.37 ERA and 1.65 WHIP during the regular season. The totals were third and second worst in C-USA, respectively.



COURTESY BRANDON HELWIG

Members of the UCF Baseball team celebrate after a come-from-behind victory over the Marshall Thundering Herd on Friday. The Knights overcame a two-run deficit in the ninth inning to win 8-7 on Kiko Vazquez's RBI single. The win secured UCF a spot in the Conference USA Tournament.

Knights prepare for Tournament Time

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

The UCF Baseball team's season has been filled with near-misses, but with its season on the line, the Knights finally came through in the clutch.

The Knights won two of their three games versus Marshall this weekend, clinching the eighth and final seed in this week's Conference USA Tournament.

The Knights claimed victories on Thursday and Friday, 8-6 and 8-7, respectively, before losing in what was basically a meaningless game in the standings on Saturday, 6-3.

The Knights clinched their postseason berth Friday by scoring five runs in the final two innings, including three in the ninth.

Four UCF errors contributed to three Marshall runs as the Thundering Herd stormed out to a 6-3 lead through seven innings. But the Knights did not give in.

Tyson Auer led off the eighth inning with an infield single and one out later, Chris Duffy cut the Knights' deficit in half with a two-run home run off the Jay Bergman Field scoreboard in right-center field. It was Duffy's third-straight game with a home run. He has hit a home run in four of his previous six games.

Marshall's closer, Nick Wolfe, relieved Jeremy Slone in the beginning of the ninth inning to preserve the Herd's two-run lead. But the Knights offense proved to be unstoppable.

A couple of pinch hitters, Kyle Mills and Tim Russell, started the inning with singles to right field. After Matt Horwath reached with an infield single to load the bases, Dwayne Bailey doubled to left field to tie the game.

Auer was intentionally walked to load the bases again. But any Marshall strategy didn't matter.

The Knights have lost nine games this season by two runs or less, and had a num-

ber of games where they had a double-digit total of runners left on base.

But on Thursday, UCF's best hitter, Kiko Vazquez, made sure that Knights would not be left to wonder any more.

He smashed a ground ball to third that was hit so hard, third baseman Blake Sanders could only knock the ball down, allowing Horwath to score the game-winning, season-changing run.

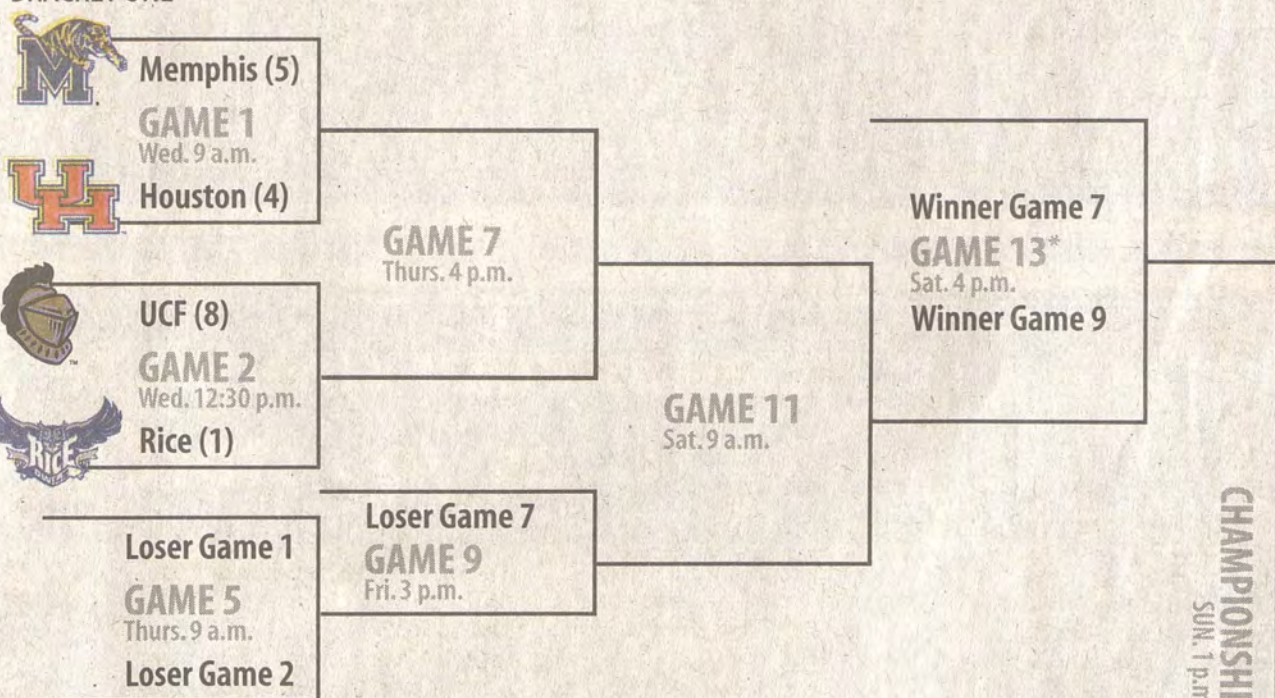
"It feels really good," Duffy said. "It's like a weight has been lifted off of our shoulders. We are just competing and fighting until the end. We knew we were going to win, but we knew it was going to take all of us to work hard and compete."

UCF coach Jay Bergman hoped to get six innings out of starting pitcher Kyle Sweat. But due largely to a lack of defense, Sweat only pitched 5.1 innings. He allowed six runs (three earned). Brett Bordwine didn't give up an earned run in the final 3.2 innings and got the win.

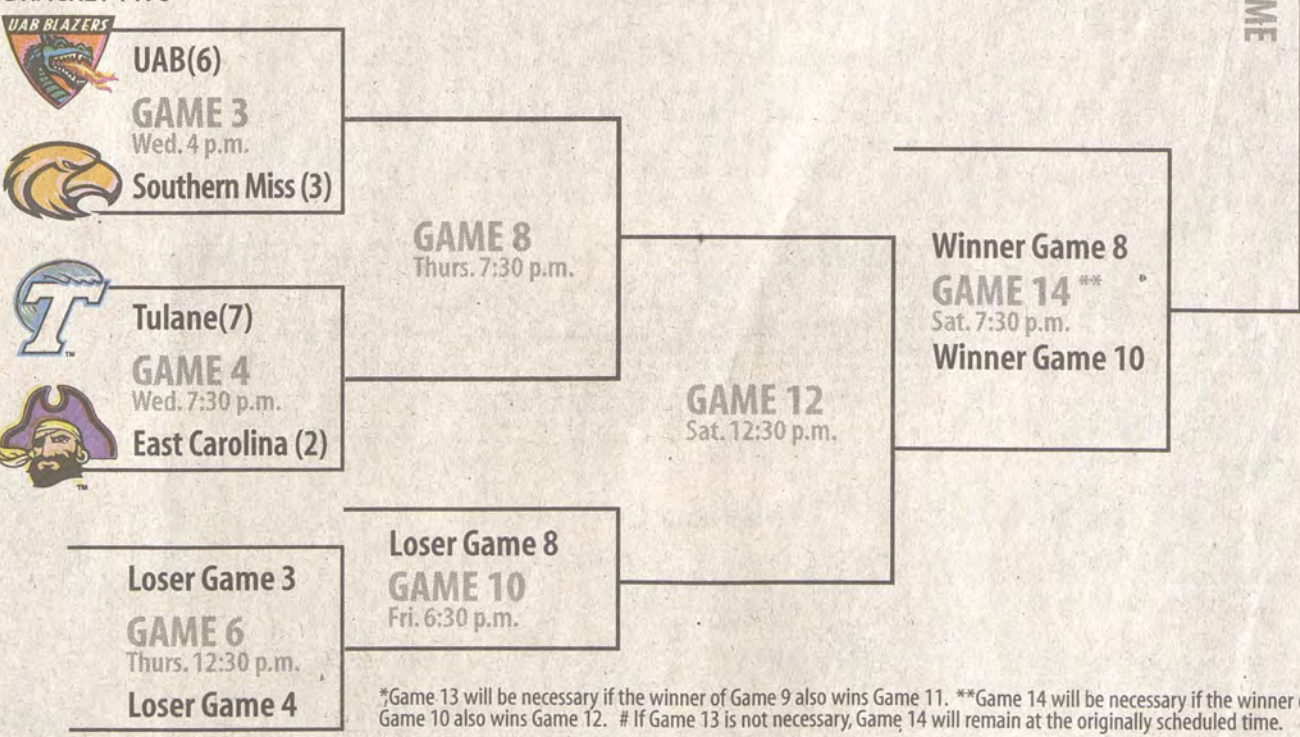
Wolfe did not retire any of the six batters he faced. He gave up five hits, one walk and three runs.

2007 Conference USA Championship Bracket (May 23 - 27)

BRACKET ONE



BRACKET TWO



*Game 13 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11. **Game 14 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12. # If Game 13 is not necessary, Game 14 will remain at the originally scheduled time.

ROWING EARNS AT-LARGE BID TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP



COURTESY LAUREN HAMPSON

After an impressive spring season, one that included nine consecutive victories, the UCF Women's Rowing team was announced as a selection to the 2007 NCAA Championships. This is the first time in UCF Rowing history that the Knights have been selected to participate in the event. The tournament will be held May 25-27 in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and will feature 16 of the top rowing teams in the country. UCF was ranked as high as 9th in the USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Division I Varsity Eight National Poll this season, and ended the season as the 11th best team in the country. The announcement came after finishing their season ninth at the South/Central Regionals May 12-13, also in Oak Ridge.

Golf finishes 13th in Georgia

Knights fall six strokes short of NCAA tourney

MELISSA HEYBOER
Sports Editor

Six strokes were all that separated the UCF Men's Golf team from a shot at the NCAA Championships after finishing the NCAA East Regional in 13th place Saturday.

A top-10 finish would have advanced the Knights to the national tournament and earned them a shot at the title.

After finishing the Conference USA Championships in 6th place, the Knights received an at-large bid to participate in the NCAA East Regional Tournament held at the Golf Club of Georgia.

Unfortunately, the Knights couldn't rise to the occasion, finishing the three-day event at a 26-over-par 890, just six strokes back from a qualifying spot.

NUNO HENRIQUES



NCAA East Regional: Henriques was the Knights' top finisher, shooting a three-day total of 5-over-par 221.

Taking top honors was Georgia, which blew out the competition, finishing with a three-day total of 9-under-par 855.

The Bulldogs' finish was 12 strokes ahead of Auburn, Florida and Georgia Tech, who all tied for second with a tournament total of 3-over-par 867.

Coastal Carolina earned the last qualifying position, finishing the tournament in 10th place.

The Knights' top finisher was freshman Nuno Henriques who tied for 28th overall with a three-day total of 5-over-par 221.

Also helping the Knights throughout the tournament was junior Giwon Suh, who was the Knights' next highest finisher, tying for 48th overall. He shot a three-day total of 7-over-par 223 and also led UCF with five birdies.

Freshman Mike Stern and sophomore Greg Forrest tied for 59th overall, both shooting a 9-over-par 225.

Florida's Billy Horschel and Georgia's Brendon Todd tied for top individual honors, posting a three-day total of 6-over-par 210.

Rice on horizon for UCF

FROM A8

The Knights seemed to be on their way to an easy win on Thursday night until their bullpen relinquished a four-run lead. But the Knights were able to come away victorious, thanks to more late-inning offense.

After a two-hour rain delay in the first inning, the Knights broke on top with a run in the second inning. With one out, Duffy doubled to left and one batter later, he scored on Eric Kallstrom's double.

The first two UCF batters in the fifth inning were retired, but then five straight Knights reached base, resulting in four runs.

After Horwath started the rally with a walk, Bailey singled to right, which moved Horwath to third base. A wild pitch from Andrew Blain scored Horwath and moved Bailey up to second.

Auer walked and then took part in a double steal with Bailey to put runners on second and third. Vazquez drove both runners in with a double down the right-field line. Duffy followed with a double that drove in Vazquez.

UCF starting pitcher Jaeger Good allowed just one run through six innings and left the game after issuing a lead-off walk in the seventh. Good departed the game with a four-run lead, but that would vanish by the end of the inning.

Austin Hudson relieved Good. He loaded the bases with one out on a single and a walk. Hudson then gave up a two-run single Jeff Rowley to make the score 5-3.

Hudson gave up another single that reloaded the bases before being relieved by Brian Brooks. The first batter he faced, Josh Valle, hit a ground ball to Kallstrom at shortstop. Although the Knights were able to get an out at second base, Brandon Casamasima scored from third to make the score 5-4.

Brooks then hit back-to-back batters to force in the tying run and then allowed a bases-loaded walk to Brit Vincent that gave Marshall the lead.

The Knights regained the momentum in their half of the seventh as they scored three runs, two of which were allowed by Wolfe.

Bailey led off with an infield single and scored easily when Vazquez's double rolled all the way to the wall in left. Duffy followed with a home run to left-center that gave the Knights an 8-

6 lead.

Wolfe was the loser in Thursday's and Friday's games. In those two outings, he gave up five runs and eight hits in 12 innings. After the first two games of this series, Wolfe's ERA ballooned from 3.41 to 4.59.

"We literally had to win that game," Bergman said in a press release. "Offensively, [Vazquez and Duffy] pretty much carried us all night long. And [Good] gave us a great night. You couldn't have scripted it any better."

Vazquez and Duffy each went 3-for-4 at the plate. The duo each scored two runs and had three RBIs.

Good allowed two runs on four hits in six innings. Although he didn't get the win, it was Good's first quality start since April 6, a span of five starts.

The Knights lost the series finale Saturday, but that did little to bring down the spirits of the team's seniors, Brooks, Bordwine, Horwath, Derek Abriola and Taylor Meier, who were all taking part in their last regular season game at Jay Bergman Field.

"It's exciting, but at the same time, I don't even know how to express it," said Horwath, who went 1-for-4 and scored a run on Senior Day. "It's almost surreal. But at least we get to play in the tournament and hopefully make a good run. If we swing the bats like we have been, I think we will make a good showing."

The Knights finished the regular season at 26-30 overall, 7-17 in C-USA. They will face Rice in the first round of the conference tournament. The Owls (45-11 overall, 22-2 C-USA) are the top seed in the tournament and the No. 2 team in the nation.

The Knights and Owls played a three-game series from April 20-22 in Houston. The Owls outscored the Knights 22-3 in the three games. In game one, the Owls scored five runs in the third and seventh innings to come away with a 10-1 victory.

In game two, the Knights held a 2-0 lead until the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Owls scored three runs. The Knights trailed 4-2 in the ninth, but were able to bring the tying run to the plate. Yet, Kyle Maulbetsch grounded out to third to end the game. In game three, the Knights recorded just one hit and lost 8-0.

UCF's offense has certainly turned itself around since that series. The Knights have recorded a double-digit number of hits in 11 of their previous 12 games.

"Every team in this tourna-

ment is beatable," Brooks said. "We just have to pitch better. It's on the pitchers now, because the hitters are doing their job."

The Knights and Owls will begin their play in the double-elimination tournament at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Greenville, N.C.



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Junior Kiko Vazquez knocks in the game-winning run in the Knights' 8-7 win over the Marshall Thundering Herd on Friday, a win that advanced them to the Conference USA Championships.

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WEDNESDAY
Lovedrug, The Social, 7 p.m.
 These glam rockers promise brooding songs you can dance to. \$10.

THURSDAY
Hellogoodbye, House of Blues, 7 p.m.
 The indie band gets its name from the Beatles' song, "Hello Goodbye." \$15.

FRIDAY
Kiteline, The Social, 9 p.m.
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Zombie March Orlando, Park Avenue, Winter Park, 3 p.m.
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GREEN GRUBBING



Third Shrek just for profits

WILLIAM GOSS
 Staff Writer

Do the math. With \$484 million worldwide in 2001 added on to \$920 million worldwide in 2004, it is quite apparent why DreamWorks didn't pass up a third *Shrek* offering.

Now, here we are again with everyone's favorite ogre taking over just about every screen that Spidey isn't still swinging on.

However, screen counts and massive profits aside, what matters to moviegoers is how *Shrek the Third* measures up to its hilarious predecessors, and while it may look like a *Shrek* and may sound like a *Shrek*, it's barely enough to pass muster.

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Directed by: William Friedkin
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THE TUBE

MONDAY MAY 21

8 p.m. FOX 24
Season Finale Alert! In the show's sixth-season finale Jack struggles to stave off the Russian attack on the U.S. base in central Asia.

9 p.m. NBC Heroes

Season Finale Alert! With Isaac's horrible predictions unfolding before them, the everyday people with extraordinary abilities face moments of pain and peril in Kirby Plaza with unflinching heroism.

TUESDAY MAY 22

8 p.m. FOX American Idol
It's down to Blake and Jordan, and for me, the misery that was American Idol begins to end. The winner will be announced Wednesday at 8 p.m. after the season's top 12 reunite.

WEDNESDAY MAY 23

9 p.m. ABC LOST
Season Finale Alert! In the show's third season finale, Jack and the castaways begin efforts to make contact with Naomi's rescue ship. Flashbacks follow Jack.

THURSDAY MAY 24

8 p.m. CBS The King of Queens
Series Finale Alert! Doug discovers that Carrie did not get rid of her apartment in the city. Doug and Carrie receive an unexpected phone call. Arthur and Ava St. Clair's wedding hits a speed bump. Remember that time Doug got canceled? What a great show!

FRIDAY MAY 25

9 p.m. Discovery Man vs. Wild
Bear takes on the European Alps, with only a knife, water bottle, cup and flint, in the first episode of the popular show. Learn how to survive a fall into a frozen lake.

SATURDAY MAY 26

8 p.m. E! The Contender
The curse of the lottery winner. Some people believe that lottery winners are cursed. Said lottery winners tell their stories about how fortune can often lead to misfortune.

SUNDAY MAY 27

9 p.m. NBC Friday Night Lights
Now that all the new shows are done, it's time to start watching the shows you missed. As the old slogan goes, if I haven't seen it, it's new to me.

— COMPILED BY WOODY WOMMACK

A LA MODE

Very trendy Vera Bradley

The colorful handbags can be spotted all over campus

JAMIE SALMASIAN
Staff Writer

It's hard to keep up with all of the different handbags that girls carry around campus, but one brand in particular stands out among the rest: Vera Bradley. Known for its bright colors and quilted fabric, this brand is a very popular trend at UCF.

Vera Bradley is a company that was started in 1982 by two friends, Barbara Baekgaard and Patricia Miller, with a goal to produce more feminine-looking luggage. The brand is named after Baekgaard's mother and expanded into a line of luggage, handbags and numerous accessories that are sold all over the world.

Alyson Durrance, a 23-year-old senior majoring in communicative disorders, received her pink Vera Bradley bag as a Christmas gift, but she has others. "I love them; the colors are bright and springy," Durrance said. Durrance, who describes her style as "sort of beachy," likes to pair her Vera bags with her outfits when she goes to the gym to work out and when she ventures to the beach.

Stephanie James, an 18-year-old sophomore majoring in exceptional student education, borrowed her red Vera Bradley bag from her mother, who bought it in Tampa for more than \$50. "It's big, and I like it ... I take it everywhere," James said. She said she used to wear a little red to match the bag at first, but now she does not really care if it matches her outfit. James describes her style as "a little bit of mix-and-match," but said most of her bags are Vera Bradley's.

Marissa Hatcher, an 18-year-old sophomore majoring in hospitality management, purchased her lime green Vera Bradley bag in Tampa at Victorian Village but doesn't remember the price because she bought it awhile ago. "I loved the lime green. I'm a huge lime green fan, but I love all the other designs and patterns," Hatcher said. She describes her style as "pretty casual" and puts all of her books in her Vera bag, which she wears with anything.

This is the first year that the UCF Bookstore carries Vera Bradley merchandise. Yarineth Alvarado, merchandise manager of the UCF Bookstore said that during the first week of classes, the brand sells about 80 percent of its merchandise. "It sells through



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From top to bottom: Students Stephanie James, Alyson Durrance and Marissa Hatcher each sport brightly colored Vera Bradley bags, which are now available for purchase in the UCF Bookstore.

here really well, and when the new styles come out, it's even better," Alvarado said.

The brand has a variety of colors available, as well as styles of small purses, wallets and larger bags in the UCF Bookstore and other specialty retail stores. The Web site, <http://www.verabradley.com> has a store locator, collection index and also shows styles that will soon be "retired." If you're looking for a comfortable, practical and distinct bag, then this is the brand for you!

CD REVIEW

Small digs work for this big talent

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

Tonight, one of the coolest acts in town is going on, and you might not even know it existed unless you were staying at the Mt. Vernon Inn. Their stage names: Mark Wayne and Lorna Lambey.

Their haven is the Red Fox Lounge, a quaint venue, with lighting so dim you can barely make out the facial features of the person sitting next to you. But that's the last thing on your mind, as you're distracted by the woman sitting behind you who knows every word to every song and seems to have had every drink at the bar. Much like the rest of the crowd, she is a regular.

This is the following drawn in by musicians Mark and Lorna on a nightly basis.

For those who can't make it down to the lounge for the evening performances, Mark and Lorna present a travel size version of themselves in *Live at the Red Fox*. The CD offers 10 cover songs including "I Only Have Eyes for You" and "Cry Me a River." The CD contains additional saxophone, drum and bass cameos by guest artists. During a typical Mark and Lorna show, these different instrumentations are simulated on Mark's keyboard and drum machine.

Mark and Lorna are more



Mark Wayne and
Lorna Lambey

★★★★

Album: *Live at the Red Fox*
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than voices on a CD and more than a musical act. The lovebirds are an experience. "Unless you're doing something you love, it's not worth it," Lorna said in an *Orlando Sentinel* interview. Few would be a better authority on the subject, as the duo have endured an 11-year stint at the Red Fox Lounge during their 31-year marriage and performance career.

The venue may seem like small digs for big talent, but the musicians have seen their share of the limelight and are content with their current act. For Mark, music was a calling that overtook his career as a finger print specialist with the FBI.

His passion dictated his travels, taking him from Massachu-

setts to Chicago and eventually straight into the arms of Lorna.

The talent keep their act fresh by choosing which songs to play spontaneously as the evening progresses. Set lists can only be determined after their completion, and the addition of each song is heralded by the crowd's jubilation.

Lorna's voice sounds like the reincarnation of Peggy Lee and Julie London. The sultry siren captivates the audience as Mark adds flair to the songs with his piano work and back up vocals. In between sets, Mark and Lorna mingle. Sometimes Lorna even turns the spotlight over to willing audience members.

It has been rumored that Mark and Lorna were the inspiration for the *Saturday Night Live* parody skit "The Culp Family Musical Performances." Currently, an independent documentary is in the works chronicling the life of the duo with the working title *Lounging Around with Mark & Lorna*.

To catch Mark and Lorna live, head down to the Red Fox Lounge located inside of the Best Western on South Orlando Avenue in Winter Park. The couple performs live Monday through Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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RACE ACROSS AMERICA

Celebrities in cross-country race make pit stop in Orlando

WOODY WOMMACK
Staff Writer

Bullrun, a cross-country race for celebrities, made a stop in Orlando on Wednesday, and didn't fail to deliver on its promise of famous faces and crazy stories.

Sixty-five teams started the race May 11 in Montreal, Quebec, wanting to be the first car to reach the Key West finish line eight days later.

The highlight of the Orlando visit, which took place at the newly renovated Club Firestone, was an appearance by Ryan Dunn, who is probably best known for being one of the stars of the movie *Jackass*.

"It turns out, slow and steady doesn't win the race," said Dunn, who finished behind at least 20 of his fellow competitors.

When asked why he was lagging behind the other drivers, Dunn said, "My laziness seems to supersede any technology that I might have to help me win."

Dunn rode in his BMW SUV with his brother and a close friend. "We're just playing Playstation and watching porn the whole way. We're just relaxing and seeing the road."

One driver who was taking the race a little more seriously was Richard Rawlings when he



Above: *Jackass* prankster and "Bullrunner" Ryan Dunn poses in front of his team's BMW SUV at Club Firestone in downtown Orlando May 16. The race benefited Make-A-Wish Foundation. Celebrities often drove high-end cars, such as the one shown at top.

made it to New York City and decided to take a stab at history.

Rawlings and his co-pilot Dennis Collins left New York for Los Angeles on a bet from another driver, with the goal of setting the world record for the fastest trip coast-to-coast. They reportedly accomplished this goal by driving a borrowed Ferrari across the country in an astounding 31 hours and 59 minutes, but it has yet to be proven as Rawlings and Collins have yet to display the mileage for their trip.

"We have bragging rights now," Rawlings said. If what he claims is true, then he and Collins broke a record that stood for more than 30 years. "It is physically taxing, though, to stay in a car for that long; it takes its toll."

More than 10,000 spectators watched the race begin in Montreal, and even though the crowd in Orlando wasn't as

large, they were still full of excitement.

"This is awesome. I can't believe the cars these guys are driving," said 17-year-old Jon Simpson, an Orlando resident.

Some of the 65 custom cars that were involved in Bullrun included Shelbys, Lotuses, Spyker Cars and Ferraris. There weren't only sports cars; some of the racers arrived in SUVs, concept cars and refurbished American muscle cars.

Other notable drivers who arrived at Club Firestone were members from the band Simple Plan, Internet diva Tila Tequila and UFC Welterweight Champion Georges St. Pierre.

Entry fees for Bullrun were \$17,500 per car, with proceeds going to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

After the cars arrived, a celebrity go-kart race was held behind the club, and the evening culminated with a VIP invitation-only party.

Shrek stale but worth a watch



Shrek the Third

Starring: Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas
Director: Chris Miller

★★★★••

In Theaters Now

FROM A10

Between the unexpected pregnancy of Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and the inevitable croaking of King Harold (John Cleese), *Shrek* (Mike Myers) finds himself fleeing Far Far Away to pass the buck — or rather, the crown — to the only remaining heir, teenage Artie (Justin Timberlake).

Meanwhile, fed up with dinner theater performances depicting his own downfall, Prince Charming (Rupert Everett) rounds up all the villains he can for a takeover of the throne.

Sure, the Prince Charming plot bears an unfortunate resemblance to January's atrocious *Happy N'Ever After*, but it isn't like people expect DreamWorks to outdo the originality and spark of the first two films. No, the greater problem is that it appears no one is trying to match it.

With Andrew Adamson now helming the *Narnia* franchise, the director's chair is co-filled by Chris Miller and Raman Hui, and their previous experience with the series (the former, a story artist, the latter, a supervising animator) ensures that *Shrek the Third* is up to par visually, possibly even exceeding its predecessors.

However, between a team of four writers and an ensemble



Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz, center) is joined by (left to right) obsessive-compulsive Cinderella (Amy Sedaris), prissy-but-sarcastic Snow White (Amy Poehler), opinionated Rapunzel (Maya Rudolph) and narcoleptic Sleeping Beauty (Cheri Oteri).

that does little to convince us that they're in it for anything more than an easy paycheck, the spark that made the first two films so appealing appears to be extinguished. Gone are the majority of pop culture references that made those films so immediately amusing, even if swiftly dated, and few new gags fill their place.

When Shrek, accompanied by Donkey (Eddie Murphy) and Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas), arrives at Worcestershire High to pick up Artie, ye olde teen slang certainly earns some chuckles, but then we're whisked back to Far Far Away, where the joke remains that it's still just like Beverly Hills.

There are enough laughs in the first hour or so to merit a watch, but the few truly inspired moments — such as when the Gingerbread Man has his life flash before his eyes — serve to show just how fast, funny and unexpected everything else should be. Instead, when Shrek says three words regarding the behavior of babies, you can bet it's "poop" that gets repeated the most and the loudest.

Then comes the climax, and you can practically taste the cold coffee as the writers gave up brainstorming and recycled the previous climaxes with twice the pop

montages, half the laughs and one glaring life lesson in the form of a momentum-stalling monologue.

The first two *Shreks* were fluffy and disposable, but they worked well enough to keep for longer than they had any right to. In this case, *Shrek the Third* doesn't even wait until it's over to start growing stale. It has its moments, to be sure, but it rings hollow and calculated before the end credits even roll because, math be damned, all it ever seems to come down to is dollar signs.

Man, I guess it really isn't easy being green after all.



FLORIDA MUSIC FESTIVAL



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Left: Flogging Molly rocks the stage as they close the show Thursday night. A raucous crowd surged as security leveraged themselves against the stage to hold the barricades in place while the seven-piece band ramped on stage.
Top: Along with other rock art, Stainboy displayed his rock 'n' roll poster illustrations during the Florida Music Festival at The Arts Factory. The festival promotional poster and Axis Magazine cover were produced by Stainboy. He is currently putting the finishing touches on a collection of his work to be published soon.

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OUR STANCE

Orlando homeless have a right to eat

A year ago, the city of Orlando outlawed compassion.

Officials passed an ordinance that greatly restricted mass public feedings, an act directly targeted at groups such as Orlando Food Not Bombs, which visits Lake Eola park once a week to serve vegetarian or vegan meals to the large homeless population in that area.

The ordinance prohibits mass feedings within a 2-mile radius of City Hall, when that feeding attracts more than 25 people, including servers and distributors. Groups can also ask to receive a permit to perform a mass public feeding, but cannot receive more than two in a 12-month period.

The law's supporters, such as City Council Commissioner Patty Sheehan, claim that it is part of an effort to battle crime.

Who do they think they're fooling?

The sight of the homeless gathering en masse seems to ruffle many white collars, but the fact is, these people are not coming together to plot world domination. They're here to accept what may be their only decent meal of the week.

Sadly, the city doesn't seem to care. Scratch that; they care more for the poor businessman afraid that the sight of ragged clothes may upset some of their more sensitive customers.

Some cultures praise those who help the poor. Orlando chose a different route and made soup lines a misdemeanor.

Don't be fooled. This law has nothing to do with public safety; it's about keeping the homeless

where society wants them to be — in the shadows.

You say we have a homeless problem in Orlando? What homeless? Where?

If we can't see them, we don't have to help them.

Last week, UCF student and OFNB member Matt Houston was rousted from Lake Eola park by Orlando police when he attempted to feed more than 25 hungry people.

A police cruiser drove slowly into the mass of homeless and OFNB members, scattering them. Houston landed in trouble for placing furniture in the cruiser's path in defiance and is banned from the park for a year.

That's right; he's banned from a public park because he ignorantly believed that it is right to care for those whom society has left for dead.

This isn't the only time OFNB ran afoul of the ordinance. On April 4, Eric Montanez, 21, was arrested when officers counted him feeding 30 homeless. Perhaps, if Montanez would have ended his generosity at 29, the officers would have let him off with a warning, but this daring law breaker handed off that 30th bowl anyway.

After his arrest, Montanez posted \$250 bond, and is currently working with OFNB and the ACLU to have the ordinance revoked on the basis that it is unconstitutional.

But there's a bigger issue here. Why is the city of Orlando punishing people for doing the right thing?

Feeding the homeless should be rewarded with applause not hand cuffs.

Pardon us for not believing that a 2-mile ban on homeless feedings around City Hall is going to create a magical Sphere of Justice around a notoriously troubled area. Even if a few of the homeless committed a crime, the ordinance wouldn't keep them away. It would just keep the entire population hungry.

But apparently Orlando lives by the old adage of it's better to look good than to feel good.

The city doesn't seem to care that there is a problem with homelessness and malnutrition in Florida. According to the *Annual Report on Homelessness Conditions in Florida 2006*, 85,907 persons were reported to be homeless.

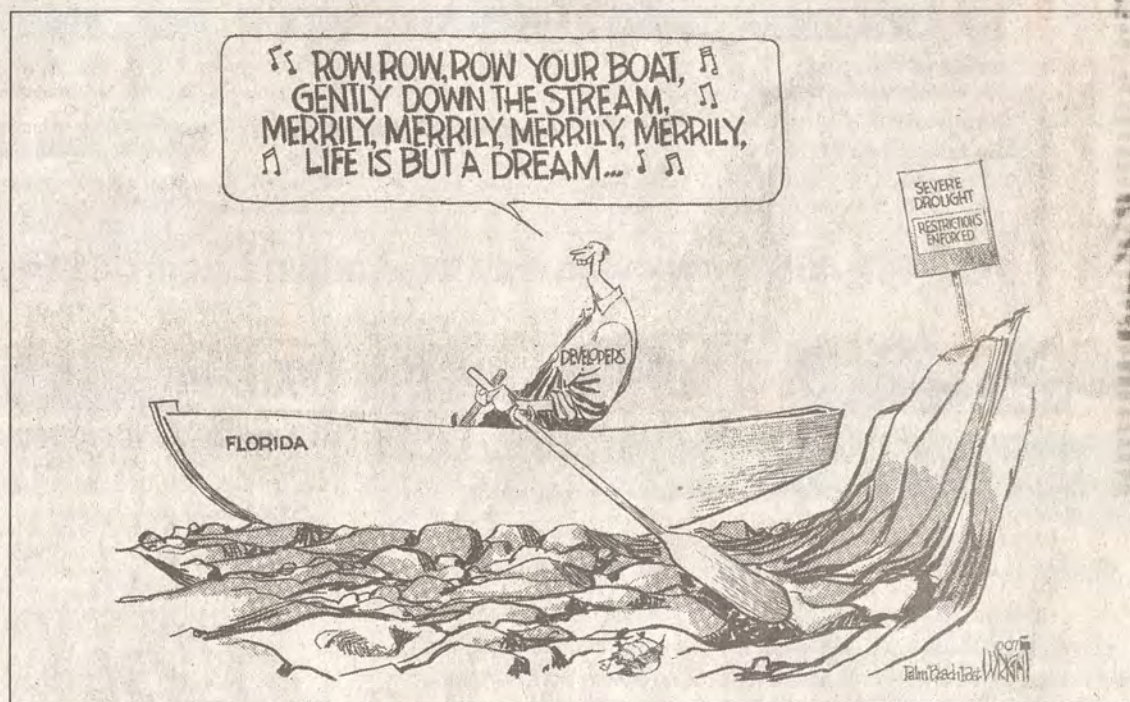
OFNB realized that a long time ago and decided to fix the problem themselves, but pictures of homeless masses being fed in the city park don't sell postcards as well as flamingos in sunglasses do.

This doesn't need to be an issue of what is constitutional or not; though, that seems to be the best way to get this law off the books. The fact is that this ordinance should never have come into existence on moral grounds.

Food is a right, not a privilege. People need to eat.

The city seems to have fallen under the spell of its own tourism adds: They think that there is enough magic in Orlando to make the homeless disappear. Thankfully, there are enough of us still living in the real world to know that this isn't the case.

Things have to happen. We can't be shackled from doing what our leaders fail to do.



DON WRIGHT / THE PALM BEACH POST

Sex ed and birth control can curb abandonment

The phrase "don't throw the baby out with the bath water" now has a totally different meaning.

An unwanted infant drop-off box system at a Japanese hospital has recently come under scrutiny as a 3-year-old was found abandoned in it a little over a week ago. The box is an incubator designed to hold an infant; an alarm sounds inside the hospital when a child is placed in the box. A similar system is used in Germany.

Maybe the phrase should be, "Don't throw the baby out like the bath water."

I can see the good intentions behind the anonymous drop-off system, known as "Stork's Cradle," initiated by the Catholic-run Jikei Hospital. Instead of abandoning a newborn and leaving it to die, the hospital is giving unwilling parents an option that benefits both the parents and the baby.

But the notion of a person being able to hand off their child seems absurd to me.

The system is feeding an epidemic of irresponsibility and ignorance. Not to mention, the possibility of trauma to the children involved. How do you think this system will affect the 3-year-old who was able to say, "I came with daddy," when asked how he ended up in the incubator.

The hospital is granting a get-out-of-jail-free card to all those new parents who are unwilling to accept the responsibilities of parenthood.

I understand that Stork's Cradle is an effort to prevent further loss of innocent lives, but merely providing a safe house for unwanted children will not prevent or curb the number of abandonments that occur from year to year in Japan, and, for that matter, in the world. In fact, it may even increase them as parents see an easy way out of a complicated situation.

We see it here in the U.S. In 1998, 30,905

JENNIFER LARINO
Staff Writer

babies were abandoned in hospitals and public places, according to the U.S. Administration for Children and Families, a tragic increase from the 21,665 abandoned in 1991. Some states have established safe-haven laws that allow parents to drop off children with a staff member of a hospital, police or fire station without questions.

A better solution to the abandonment problem is to rely more on sex education and affordable birth control within the country, as well as more openness toward such education in the culture.

Traditionally, Japanese culture is conservative, but the country is changing with the rest of the world and so are its youth. Those who are most likely to be one of the anonymous parents utilizing the drop-off system are exposed to a much less traditional approach to sex and families.

The way the next generation perceives pertinent social issues is changing, and one of those issues is sex.

Despite the deaths and abandonments, there is still a large stigma attached to sex education and birth control.

Parents can choose to withdraw their middle schoolers from the sex education portions of their science classes. Young women are scared to be seen at Planned Parenthood offices, so scared that abandoning an infant behind a supermarket seems acceptable.

Birth control is still not readily available or affordable to most women. Choosing to take "The Pill" still isn't seen entirely as a responsible decision.

A more in-depth and well-rounded, not to mention mandatory, sex education course in public schools as well as available and affordable birth control would do more to prevent infant abandonment than any safe-haven or drop-off system could.

Not moonstruck by new KSCC thrill ride

Remember that friend you had, the quiet, unassuming guy you liked but never really hung out with?

He always wore polo shirts to high school and took things a little too seriously, and though you never wanted to model yourself after him, it was somehow comforting to know that there were people like him left in the world.

But then one day, you meet again, and this smart, respectable fellow is suddenly sporting a nose ring and a hideously huge dragon tattoo on his neck.

Yeah, we kind of feel like that right now.

This week, the *Future* mourns the loss of the quiet dignity of the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex.

This mecca for space geeks and sun-burnt tourists alike, stood as a relic from an age when space travel was interesting. It was a monument to American ingenuity, bravery and competitiveness — here's moon in your eye, comrade!

Most importantly, KSCVC was one of the few remnants of Florida roadside entertainment that still confused education with entertainment. Sure it was foolish — financially dangerous — but damn it, it was honorable, too!

That's all over now. The thrill ride's calling is the siren song leading KSCVC toward the rocks of homogeneous entertainment.

On May 25, the park will open a \$60 million "shuttle launch

experience" ride, similar to Disney's Mission Space.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Say it isn't so, KSCVC. Tell us this is all a nightmare, and when we wake up, you'll be the same as we remember you. You with your rocket gardens, IMAX theater and exhibits, exhibits, exhibits.

And Space Dots ice cream, we can't forget that. Sure, it melted quickly, despite all your promises to the contrary, but there was magic there all the same. Your charm was standing in the shade of a Titan rocket on a 90-degree day and pretending that we were tasting the frozen snack treat, literally, of the stars.

Time's flow is cruel, and us nostalgics are pulled down by the undercurrent of fond memories and drowned. It's not that we're against change; rather we encourage diversity.

There are enough attractions out there willing to strap folks into a plastic chair and spin them around for 30 seconds. People seem to enjoy that thrilling/nauseating feeling, and it isn't difficult to attract a crowd using that strategy.

But KSCVC chose to do something else. They didn't capture visitors by the gut, as many theme parks do; KSCVC aimed higher. They tried for the imagination. Not with fairies or giant talking mice, but with the almost equally unbelievable history of men willing to sit atop a 95-foot stick of dynamite, just to give Americans something to root for.

Those memories are the only reason KSCVC exists. Will people understand that when they're throwing up in a trash can outside of the Apollo 13 roller coaster?

It's terrifying to think that this may be the beginning of a trend of new thrill rides, intended to steal a piece of that pie usually gobbled up by the larger theme parks. It's heartbreaking to see this once respectable attraction dealt so low as to beg scraps from Disney's table.

We don't need an Islands of Adventure clone.

We need a place run by people foolish enough to believe that history and science are attractive enough to bring in the crowds.

After all, what has IOA done to warn kids of the dangers of Gamma radiation?

Now that the summer is here in force, and the highway whippers our names, we can only hope that other roadside attractions resist the temptation to sell their souls.

The seedy or bravely bland attraction is a welcome respite from all the creepy costumed-characters of the larger theme parks. Sometimes, it's just nice to be able to purchase a ticket without having to mortgage your house in the process.

So here's a toast to all the KSCVCs, Gatorlands, Marine Worlds and See the Horrible Things out there.

Stay true. Disney may bring folks to Florida, but you are Florida.

MAN ON THE STREET

THE WORD AROUND CAMPUS

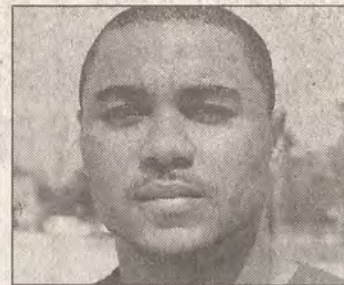
Is it right to require permits for mass homeless feedings?

BRIAN YOUNG
Computer Science, Senior

"I think a permit is a waste of legislation. There are more pressing issues out there."

PATRICK FRADLEY
Graphic Design, Junior

"I don't think a permit is a big deal, especially if you're planning on feeding such a large group anyways."

NEHEMIAH WEAVER
Health Services Administration, Senior

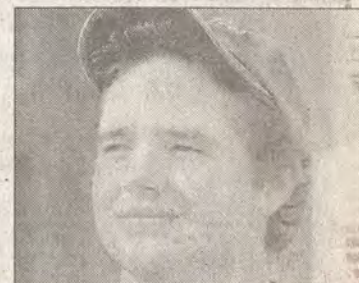
"It makes things more complicated, and it's a shame when people's needs cannot be met without an extra ordinance."

ERIC STANLEY
Civil Engineering, Sophomore

"I don't support the ordinance because if you provide more for the homeless, you are supporting their lifestyle."

CHRISTINE MANCINE
Ad/PR, Junior

"I would think it's not necessary, but then again, I see both sides of it."

ROB WENTZELL
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"I don't support feeding the homeless, but if you're going to, then a permit will protect both parties."

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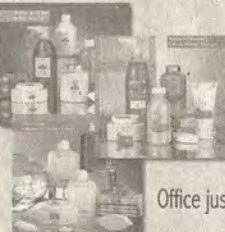
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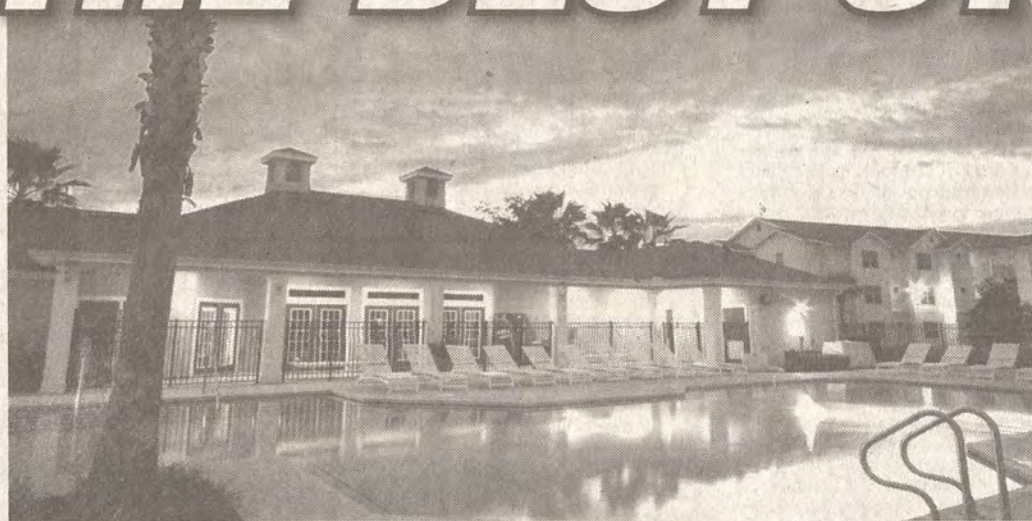
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